



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 763

January Session, 2007

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1402

Senate, May 7, 2007

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT PROVIDING HEALTH AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR PERSONS EMPLOYED BY CERTAIN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND PRIVATE PROVIDERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) There is established an account,
2 within the General Fund, that shall be used to cover any increased
3 costs to long-term health care facilities and to private health care
4 providers for improved employee health care coverage or employee
5 retirement benefits, mandated by collective bargaining agreements,
6 provided: (1) The provisions of this section shall only apply with
7 respect to health care facilities and private providers that receive fifty
8 per cent or more of their operating income from Medicaid or from the
9 state, and (2) such account shall not be required to cover any increased
10 costs for employee health care coverage or employee retirement
11 benefits that exceed the average general cost increases existing in
12 established, comparable collective bargaining agreements.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
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APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Implements the Budget	10,000,000	10,000,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The Appropriations Committee budget, sHB 7077, contains \$10 million in each year of the biennium in the Office of Policy and Management for increased costs to long-term care health care facilities and private health care providers for improved employee health care coverage or employee retirement benefits mandated by collective bargaining agreements.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OFA Bill Analysis**sSB 1402*****AN ACT PROVIDING HEALTH AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR PERSONS EMPLOYED BY CERTAIN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND PRIVATE PROVIDERS.*****SUMMARY:**

The bill establishes an account within the General Fund to cover any increased costs to long-term health care facilities and to private health care providers for improved employee health care coverage or employee retirement benefits, mandated by collective bargaining agreements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 37 Nay 14 (04/17/2007)